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SUBJECT: URGENT NEED OF TDY CONSULAR OFFICER

- 1. IMPENDING MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OFF ISLAND WITH ETD NOVEMBER 1 WILL INVOLVE SOME 2800 DEPENDENTS FOR WHOM CONSULAR SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED. CCK AIRBASE HAS OFFERED CLERICAL SERVICES AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT IF CONSULAR OFFICER CAN BE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO TAICHUNG TO COVER CRUNCH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 15. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY IS NOW ACCUMULATING NIV AND IV BACKLOGS AS STAFF INADEQUATE TO COPE FULLY WITH DEMAND FOR REGULAR SERVICES EXCLUDING THIS SPECIAL MILITARY ONE TIME DEMAND.
- 2. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT ASSIGN TDY CONSULAR OFFICE TO TAIPEI FOR PERIOD IN QUESTION TO ENABLE ONE OF OUR TAIPEI STAFF TO MOVE DOWN TO TAICHUNG. HOUSING AVAILABE IN BOTH TAIPEI AND TAICHUNG. INFORMAL APPROACH CONGEN HONG KONG INDICATES POSSIBILITY OFFICER COULD BE SPARED THERE. EMBASSY MANILA STATES RISING WORKLOAD DUE LIFTING TRAVEL BAN THERE MAY PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY IT CAN PROVIDE SUCH AN OFFICER.
- 3. EMBASSY CAN ABSORB TDY COSTS TAICHUNG OFFICER BUT REQUESTS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF TDY REPLACEMENT OFFICER TAIPEI. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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